

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 92-38 (As Amended)

Introduced by Council President Wilson at the request of the County Executive  
Legislative Day No. 92-10 Date April 7, 1992

AN ACT to repeal subsection 42.10, User Charges, of Chapter 256, Water & Sewers, of the Harford County Code, as amended, and to repeal Harford County Council Bill No. 91-17, heading Harford County Rates (Water & Sewer) and No. 91-18, heading Joppatowne Sanitary Subdistrict Rates (Water & Sewer), and to enact a new schedule of Water & Sewer rates for Harford County to stand in lieu of the Ordinances and rates repealed, to provide that such rates shall apply to all Harford County customers for water and sewer servicing; and to further provide that the new rates shall take effect July 1, 1992.

By the Council, April 7, 1992

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled  
on: May 5, 1992  
at: 7:00 P.M.

By Order: Doris Poulsen, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on May 5, 1992, and concluded on, May 5, 1992

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1           WHEREAS, Whitman Requardt & Associates (Water & Sewer Rate  
2     Study Consultants) have recommended that the rates for water and  
3     sewer service in Harford County be increased; and

4           WHEREAS, the Act conforms to the requirements of law for  
5     setting water and sewer rates; and

6           WHEREAS, the rate increases are necessary to the continued  
7     funding of water and sewer service operations of Harford County,  
8     Maryland.

9           NOW THEREFORE,  
10    Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County,  
11    Maryland, that Section 42.10, User Charges, of Chapter 256, Water  
12    and Sewers, of the Harford County Code, as amended, and Harford  
13    County Council Bill 91-17 heading, Joppatowne Sanitary Subdistrict  
14    Rates (Water and Sewers) and Harford County Bill 91-18 heading,  
15    Harford County Rates (Water and Sewers) be and are hereby repealed  
16    and that the following new rates for water and sewer service in  
17    Harford County be, and they are hereby enacted to stand in lieu of  
18    the rates and ordinance repealed, all to read as follows.

19           The following rates shall apply to water rates in Harford  
20    County **unless otherwise specified.**

HARFORD COUNTY WATER  
(INCLUDING THE JOPPATOWNE SANITARY SUBDISTRICT)

QUARTERLY					
Meter Size Inch	Minimum Usage 1,000 Gallons	Minimum Bill \$ Amt	Usage Over Minimum \$/1,000	Surcharge Threshold 1,000 Gallons	Usage Over Threshold \$/1,000
5/8	6	14.00	1.65	32	2.05
3/4	9	32.75	1.65	380	2.05
1	15	54.50	1.65	640	2.05
1-1/4	23	81.00	1.65	960	2.05
1-1/2	30	110.00	1.65	1,300	2.05
2	48	175.00	1.65	2,100	2.05
3	90	350.00	1.65	3,900	2.05
4	150	545.00	1.65	6,400	2.05
6	300	1,100.00	1.65	12,800	2.05
8	720	2,600.00	1.65	30,700	2.05
10	1,140	4,150.00	1.65	48,600	2.05
12	1,500	5,450.00	1.65	64,000	2.05

Individual residential services which have a 3/4 inch meter installed and have a fixture count of 30 or less, not including the sprinkler system, shall be billed at the 5/8 meter rate with a ready-to-serve charge based on the 5/8 service connection size and the 3/4 inch fire connection size.

COMPOUND METER INSTALLATIONS

For those installations which have compound meters installed, the service connection size shall be based on the largest size register which will be activated during peak instantaneous flows exclusive of fire flows. If the register activated during peak domestic and production instantaneous flows is less than the

largest register in the meter, then a ready-to-service charge shall also be applied. If two consecutive quarters of meter readings show that a larger register is being activated, then the minimum bill will be adjusted upwards to that larger register size.

## FALLSTON CORRIDOR WATER

Meter Size Inch	QUARTERLY				
	Minimum Usage 1,000 Gallons	Minimum Bill \$ Amt	Usage Over Minimum \$/1,000	Surcharge Threshold Gallons	Usage Over Threshold \$/1,000
5/8	6	7.50	0.46	32,000	0.86
3/4	9	11.35	0.46	380,000	0.86
1	15	18.95	0.46	640,000	0.86
1-1/4	23	28.50	0.46	960,000	0.86
1-1/2	30	38.00	0.46	<del>1,280,000</del> 1,300,000	0.86
2	48	60.00	0.46	2,100,000	0.86
3	90	115.00	0.46	3,900,000	0.86
4	150	190.00	0.46	6,400,000	0.86
6	300	380.00	0.46	12,800,000	0.86
8	720	910.00	0.46	30,700,000	0.86
10	1,140	1,440.00	0.46	48,600,000	0.86
12	1,500	1,900.00	0.46	64,000,000	0.86

In addition, a Purchased Water Adjustment will be applied to the Fallston Corridor Water for purchased water through the Whitaker Mill meter only.

## WHOLESALE WATER - \$1.94/1,000 GALLONS

To wholesale customers who purchase water in bulk sales from the County water system for which the County does not maintain the distribution system and from which no one-time connection charges were collected, the following rates shall apply:

\$1.21 per thousand gallons usage charge, plus \$.73 per thousand gallons for capital recovery, for a total charge of \$1.94 per thousand gallons.

WHOLESALE WATER

Meter Size Inch	QUARTERLY		
	Minimum Usage 1,000 Gallons	Minimum Bill \$ Amt	Usage Over Minimum \$/1,000
2	48	175.00	1.94
3	90	350.00	1.94
4	150	545.00	1.94
6	300	1,100.00	1.94
8	720	2,600.00	1.94
10	1,140	4,150.00	1.94
12	1,500	5,450.00	1.94

In addition, a Purchased Water Adjustment shall be applied to the wholesale water purchased.

PURCHASED WATER SERVICES

The County purchases water for resale from sources other than Harford County owned facilities and proposes to purchase water from the City of Baltimore for treatment and resale,

Customers using water from those sources shall pay a purchased water adjustment charge to be computed as follows:

~~1. The total charges for purchased water during any billing period shall be divided by the total water consumed by customers connected to systems in which purchased water was consumed during the preceding period, and~~

1. The cost of water purchased during the period preceeding the

period being billed shall be divided by the total gallons consumed in that same period, and

2. The unit cost calculated in step 1 above shall be multiplied by the total water consumed by each customer in the system in which purchased water was consumed, and

3. The amount calculated in step 2 above shall be added to and be in addition to all other charges under the water rate schedule, and

4. The purchased rate adjustment shall be modified each billing period until the total cost of water purchased is recovered, and"

~~4.5.~~ When water is purchased from sources other than Harford County owned facilities, and is consumed in a water system which is physically separated from the rest of the County system, the calculations described in steps 1, 2, and ~~3~~ 3 and 4 above shall be performed separately for customers using water purchased from those sources.

#### FIRE PROTECTION READY-TO-SERVE CHARGES

This quarterly rate schedule reflects the cost of ready to serve oversized connections required to provide private on-site fire protection, such as sprinklers and private fire hydrants.

In accordance with the following chart, ready-to-serve charges would be in addition to all other charges for water service.

The vertical ordinate represents the size of the connection installed for fire protection. This connection may be in the form of:

1. The larger meter in a compound meter installation which is

intended for fire flow.

2. A by-pass line, around a service meter, which may or may not have a detector.

3. A physically separate connection for use only for fire protection.

4. A physically separate meter connection for use only for fire protection.

The horizontal ordinate shows the size if of the meter required for normal service.

Customers shall be billed for the service connection meter size (the smaller meter in a compound installation) under the normal rate schedule. In addition, the customer shall be charged a ready-to-serve charge as shown on the following table for the fire protection line.

Each meter shall be considered a separate account for billing.

FIRE CONN SIZE	SERVICE CONNECTION SIZE										
	5/8	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	3	4	6	8	10
12	1,200.	1,195.	1,190.	1,185.	1,180.	1,165.	1,135.	1,085.	965.	625.	290.
10	910.	905.	900.	895.	890.	880.	840.	795.	675.	340.	
8	575.	570.	565.	560.	555.	540.	505.	460.	340.		
6	235.	233.	228.	225.	216.	200.	170.	120.			
4	115.	113.	108.	102.	96.	82.	48.				
3	67.	65.	60.	55.	48.	34.					
2	34.	31.	26.	20.	14.						
1 1/2	19.	17.	12.	6.							
1 1/4	13.	11.	6.								
1	7.	5.									
3/4	2.50										

Notwithstanding any of the above, the following rates shall apply to sewer rates in Harford County unless otherwise specified:

## HARFORD COUNTY SEWER

(INCLUDING THE JOPPATOWNE SANITARY SUBDISTRICT)

Meter Size Inch	Minimum Usage 1,000 Gallons	Minimum Bill \$ Amt	Usage Over Minimum \$/1,000	Surcharge Threshold 1,000 Gallons	Usage Over Threshold \$/1,000
5/8	6	16.40	2.10	32	2.50
3/4	9	40.32	2.10	380	2.50
1	<del>25</del> 15	67.20	2.10	640	2.50
1-1/4	23	99.84	2.10	960	2.50
1-1/2	30	134.40	2.10	1,300	2.50
2	48	215.04	2.10	2,100	2.50
3	90	432.00	2.10	3,900	2.50
4	150	672.00	2.10	6,400	2.50
6	300	1,344.00	2.10	12,800	2.50
8	720	3,225.00	2.10	30,700	2.50
10	1,140	5,100.00	2.10	48,600	2.50
12	1,500	6,700.00	2.10	64,000	2.50
Flat Rate	--	--	41.00	--	--

## SOUTHWEST SUB-DISTRICT SEWER

The Southwest Sub-District Sewer, to include the following sanitary subdistricts as defined in Chapter 256, Sections 256-40B, 256-40C, 256-40D, 256-40F, and 256-40G of the Code and to include Red Maple, Bush Road, Clearview, Dembytown and Forest Greens, shall be charged the following rates:



Meter Size Inch	Minimum Usage 1,000 Gallons	Minimum Bill \$ Amt	Usage Over Minimum \$/1,000	Surcharge Threshold 1,000 Gallons	Usage Over Threshold \$/1,000
5/8 All	6	27.40	2.10	32	2.50
Flat Rate All	--	52.00	--	--	--

SWAN CREEK AND HAZELTON SEWER HARFORD SYSTEMS

The following rates shall apply to areas serviced by Harford County but for which the City of Aberdeen treats the waste water.

Meter Size Inch	Minimum Usage 1,000 Gallons	Minimum Bill \$ Amt	Usage Over Minimum \$/1,000	Surcharge Threshold Gallons	Usage Over Threshold \$/1,000
5/8	6	9.60	0.87	32,000	1.25
3/4	9	14.40	0.87	380,000	1.25
1	15	24.00	0.87	640,000	1.25
1-1/4	23	36.00	0.87	960,000	1.25
1-1/2	30	48.00	0.87	1,280,000	1.25
2	48	77.00	0.87	2,100,000	1.25
3	90	144.00	0.87	3,900,000	1.25
Flat Rate	--	11.40	--		

In addition, a purchased waste water service adjustment shall apply to these areas.

## SPRING MEADOWS SEWER

Spring Meadows is a non-metered service. Therefore, it has a flat rate of \$55.00 per quarter.

"METERED SEWER SERVICE

Those customers who have elected to have a wastewater meter installed shall be charged the following rates for metered sewer service:

<u>Meter Size Inch</u>	<u>Minimum Usage 1,000 Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum Bill \$</u>	<u>Usage Over Minimum \$/1,000</u>	<u>Surcharge Threshold 1,000 Gallons</u>	<u>Usage Over Threshold \$/1,000</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>215.04</u>	<u>2.10</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2.50</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>432.00</u>	<u>2.10</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>2.50</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>672.00</u>	<u>2.10</u>	<u>6,400</u>	<u>2.50</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>1,344.00</u>	<u>2.10</u>	<u>12,800</u>	<u>2.50</u>

MUNICIPAL CUSTOMERS

Municipal customers including Bel Air, who have separate contracts to purchase bulk sewerage service from the County sewerage system shall pay the usage rate determined according to the terms of the applicable contractual agreement.

PURCHASED TREATMENT SERVICES

WASTE WATER SERVICE ADJUSTMENT

The County purchases service for transmitting and treating waste water from the City of Aberdeen for areas within the Harford County service area.

Customers shall pay a purchased waste water service adjustment charge to be computed as follows:

~~1. The total charges for purchased waste water service during any billing period shall be divided by the total waste water discharged by those customers during the preceding period, and~~

1. The cost of purchased waste water service during the period preceeding the period being billed shall be divided by the total gallons discharged in that same period, and

2. The unit cost calculated in step 1 above shall be multiplied by the total waste water discharged by each customer.

3. For purposes of this computation, flat rate customers shall be assigned a quarterly usage of 18,000 gallons, and

4. The amount calculated in step 2 above shall be added to and be in addition to all other charges under the waste water rate ~~schedule.~~ schedule, and

1        5. The purchased rate adjustment shall be modified each  
2        billing period until the total cost of purchased waste  
3        water service is recovered.

4        Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that the rates set by this  
5        Act for water and sewer services shall be applied to water  
6        consumption and sewer usage ~~quarterly effective July 1, 1992~~ during  
7        the first full billing quarter after passage, and from and after  
8        that date, the rates shall be as set by this Act unless otherwise  
9        changed by law.

10       Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take  
11       effect on the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE:     June 11, 1992

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AS AMENDED

BY THE COUNCIL

BILL NO. 92-38 (As Amended)

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 92-18 (June 9, 1992)

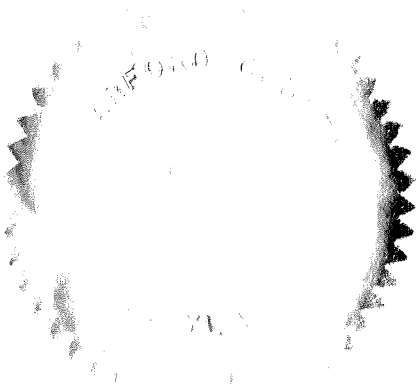
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By Order

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive  
for her approval this 10th day of June,

1992 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



Doris Poulsen, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Gileen M. Lehmann  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Date June 11, 1992

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, (No. 92-38 As Amended), having been approved by  
the County Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on  
June 11, 1992.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 11, 1992

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AS AMENDED